

New heaven  
and  
New earth



FOREVER KING  
LORD OF ALL



Joy

"Behold, the dwelling  
place of God is with man.  
He will dwell with them,  
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Rev 21:3-4



Beauty



Love



Life

THE FOREVER KINGDOM

# Lesson 28: *The Never-ending Story* (Condensed Version)

Saint Matthew's Anglican Church Children's Ministries

THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME (Scripture: Revelation 19:6-7; 21:1-5, 11; 22:1-3)

Year 2. Kingdom Life  
Unit 10: The Forever Kingdom

**Objectives:** To explain that: \*When Jesus returns, all of God's creation will be restored and made new, and filled with God's love, life, beauty, and joy.

**Review & "I Wonder" Questions:** *(Show posters from previous lesson 27 - Second Coming poster AND lesson poster w/grey card attached)*

Last lesson we learned that Jesus will come back to earth as the glorious Forever King! Then Satan will be punished forever for all the evil he has done. Jesus will also judge all the people who ever lived. Those who did not want to follow Jesus in this life will be found guilty for their sin. They will be separated from God's love and life forever. But those who loved and followed Jesus will be given new, eternal bodies and will live forever with Jesus because his sacrifice has covered their sins. When Jesus comes back, there will be a new heaven and a new earth. All sin and death and evil will be gone forever *(remove grey card from poster)* and all of God's creation in heaven and on earth will be healed and filled with God's love and life. \*I wonder what life will be like in the new creation. Do you wonder that too? Let's find out more in our lesson...

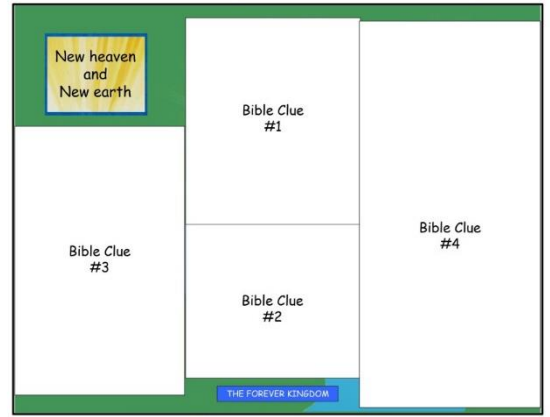
**Lesson Props:** See page 3 for Bible clue cards and instructions on how to attach them to lesson poster.

**Lesson Summary:** *(Switch to this lesson poster with symbols covered. Keep Second Coming poster out.)* Only God knows exactly what the new heaven and earth will look like, but we know it will be more wonderful and more beautiful than anything we can imagine. Let's look at some clues from the Bible that tell us about the new creation. **Bible clue #1:** *(Remove clue #1 card)* There will be so much BEAUTY in the new creation because God's glory will be there. There will be a beautiful city, called the New Jerusalem, that will come down from heaven. Heaven and earth will come together as one, and Jesus will sit on his throne in this beautiful city. **Bible clue #2:** *(Remove clue #2 card)* In the new creation there will be the River of the Water of Life flowing from the throne of God. Remember the Tree of Life from the Garden of Eden? The Tree of Life will be in the new creation, and we will be able to eat from it and it will give us God's LIFE. Can you see the cross in the tree? This reminds us that it is through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross that we can receive God's life. **Bible clue #3:** *(Remove clue #3 card)* This is our memory verse. *(Read verse on poster)* What does this verse tell us the new creation will be like? *(Children respond)* Yes, in the new creation there will be no sadness, no pain, and no death. There will be so much JOY, because Jesus will live with his people forever, and he will be their King. **Bible clue #4:** *(Remove clue #4 card)* This Bible clue is a bit more challenging to understand. The wedding rings in our picture remind us that the Bible talks about a joyful wedding between Jesus and his Church. The Church is called the Bride of Christ. That means that we, the Church, will be joined to Jesus, and this marriage will never end! Jesus will LOVE us, and we will love him forever! *(Point to Adam and Eve)* Remember God's creation before there was sin, when everything was good and perfect, and God walked in the garden with Adam and Eve? It will be like that again in the new creation, but even more amazing! The new creation will be filled with God's love, life, beauty, and joy! The story of God's Kingdom is the most beautiful story ever told. It is a true story, and **we are in it**, and it will **never, ever** end!

**Suggested Questions:** \***What does this lesson tell us about Jesus?** (He will make all things new and will live with his people forever) \***What will the new heaven and new earth be like?** (All sin and death and evil will be gone forever and all of God's creation in heaven and on earth will be healed and filled with God's love, life, beauty, and joy.) \***What do you look forward to the most in the new creation?** \***What is the New Jerusalem?** (A beautiful city that will come down from heaven, where Jesus will sit on his throne as the Forever King.) \***What is the tree called that will grow next to the River of the Water of Life?** (The Tree of Life, from the Garden of Eden. The cross in the tree reminds us that we receive new life through Jesus' sacrifice.) \***Who is the bride of Christ?** (The Church, that is us. We will be joined to Jesus and will live with him forever. The rings on our poster symbolize this marriage between Christ and the Church.)

**Bible Memory Verse:** "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people... He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." (Revelation 21:3-4)

Cut out Bible clue cards and cover poster symbols with the clue cards.



Remove cards as indicated in lesson.

Bible Clue #1

Bible Clue #2

Bible Clue #3

Bible Clue #4

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